

# WHAT'S *New*

in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors,  
and workers in the District of Columbia*

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## **MPDC, OTHER AGENCIES ANNOUNCE DETAILS ON INAUGURAL SECURITY, NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY**

Law enforcement and other public safety agencies in the region this week released details concerning security measures for the 55th Presidential Inauguration on Thursday, January 20. The US Secret Service is the lead law enforcement agency on Inaugural planning and implementation. This week the Secret Service, along with the MPDC and the US Capitol Police, released information on street closures and parking restrictions around Inaugural events, including the swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol, the parade along Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, and the various sites of Inaugural balls. For individuals planning to attend the Inaugural parade, the Secret Service has provided details on entry points, security checks and prohibited items. Officials announced there will be two levels of street closures. All vehicular traffic except for authorized emergency vehicles will be prohibited from a secured area immediately around the parade route. There will be restricted vehicular access within a second, outer perimeter; drivers must be able demonstrate a need to be inside the area. Motorists are warned, however, that street parking will not be allowed within this restricted area, and all individuals coming to downtown DC are encouraged to use Metro. Chief Ramsey emphasized police patrols in DC neighborhoods will be fully staffed on January 20th. To ensure sufficient neighborhood coverage, the MPDC has canceled days off and leave for its sworn members, and the Department has recruited officers from approximately 65 outside agencies to staff the parade route, thus freeing up MPDC officials for neighborhood patrols and specialized Inaugural assignments.

- ① For details on street closings and other security measures, go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/inauguration/inaug2005.shtm>
- ① The MPDC's Inaugural page also includes links to other agencies and organizations involved in Inauguration activities. Go to:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/inauguration/inaug2005\\_websites.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/inauguration/inaug2005_websites.shtm)

## **MPDC ENLISTS BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN NEW TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The MPDC is enlisting the help of DC's business community in detecting and preventing possible terrorist acts before they occur, through a new program called Operation TIPP—Terrorist Incident Prevention Program. Under the initiative, the MPDC is reaching out to area businesses with information on how to detect suspicious activity that may be related to terrorism within their particular industry or service area. In addition, the MPDC has created a toll-free Operation TIPP line—1-877-YOU-WATCH—for businesses and their employees to report suspicious activity to the police. Chief Ramsey explained that Operation TIPP is designed to address an ongoing concern that individuals seeking to commit acts of terrorism may attempt to portray themselves as legitimate customers at businesses in the DC area, and seek to purchase, lease or steal certain materials or equipment, or undergo training to acquire skills or licenses, that would further their terrorist plots. Ramsey said the MPDC has identified more than four dozen industries and services that terrorists could potentially target. For each industry or service group, the MPDC is preparing customized information packets outlining suspicious activities or requests that may be of concern to law enforcement. This information will be distributed via mailings, visits by police officers and outreach through business and industry groups. Calls to the Operation TIPP hotline are confidential and answered by trained police professionals from the MPDC.

- ① Read the news release at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/news.asp?sid=3028>
- ① Businesses and service organizations wanting more information about Operation TIPP should contact the MPDC's Special Operations Division at (202) 671-6505.
- ① For more information and helpful links on emergency preparedness in DC, go to:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/family/emergencypreparedness.shtm>

## CHIEF RAMSEY SWEARS IN 26 NEW OFFICERS HEADED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS

Neighborhood patrols in DC are being expanded with the addition of 26 new Metropolitan Police officers. The officers are hitting the streets after being sworn by Chief Ramsey during graduation ceremonies held on January 14. The 26 new officers completed approximately 24 weeks of academic, physical and tactical training at the MPDC's Maurice T. Turner Jr., Institute of Police Science. In addition, these officers already have some experience under their belts. During December, they were deployed to assist with the MPDC's "holiday detail" targeting crime during the winter holidays. Friday's ceremony allowed the new officers to participate in a traditional graduation ceremony with their families. All 26 of the new officers are being assigned to uniformed neighborhood PSA patrols in the seven police districts. During his remarks to the graduates, Chief Ramsey reminded them that while DC will always host major events such as Thursday's Presidential Inauguration, "the number one priority of the Metropolitan Police Department is the safety of our residents—the people who call the District of Columbia their home. That is true today...that will be true on January 20th...and it will be true each and every day of your careers," the Chief said. Friday's graduation ceremony, held at the Government Printing Office Northwest DC, was the first of several officer graduations that will be taking place this year, as the MPDC maintains its sworn strength at 3,800.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... POLICE CLEARANCES

The MPDC's Criminal Records Section provides police clearances to the general public for a variety of needs, including employment, licensing, adoption, apartment rental, hackers (taxicabs) and overseas travel. Police clearances are provided at the Section's

public service counters on the third floor of MPDC Headquarters, as well as via mail. For in-person requests, individuals will need an official picture identification or a birth certificate and Social Security card. The fee is \$7, payable in cash or money order only (no personal checks or credit cards). Early morning and late evening hours are generally the best, with the shortest lines and fastest service. Individuals who do have an arrest record can expect their wait to be somewhat longer than others. Note that you must be 18 years of age to retrieve a police clearance, and criminal history information on juveniles is not disseminated.

## NEWS & NOTES

**King Holiday Schedule.** In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, most administrative offices of the MPDC will be closed on Monday, January 17. Police patrols, emergency communications and other essential operations will be fully staffed on that date, however.

**CCTV Cameras Activated.** The public is reminded that the MPDC is activating its network of 14 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras for both the Presidential Inauguration and the annual "Right To Life" march. Details on these CCTV activations are at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/news/news.asp?sid=3020>

**Community Emergency Management Exercises.** DC's Emergency Management Agency is conducting a series of community emergency management tabletop exercises for residents of neighborhoods in Wards 1 through 6, on selected Saturdays through March 12, 2005. The exercises are designed to test the community emergency management plans developed by DCEMA for these neighborhoods. For more information and to register online, go to [http://dcema.dc.gov/dcema/cwp/view,a,1226,q,621400,dcemaNav\\_GID,1523,dcemaNav\\_31810,asp](http://dcema.dc.gov/dcema/cwp/view,a,1226,q,621400,dcemaNav_GID,1523,dcemaNav_31810,asp)

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① For individuals interested in career opportunities with the MPDC, the Department is holding its Sixth Annual Career Expo on Saturday, January 29, at the Washington Convention Center. Details at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/expo2005.shtm>

① Can't make the Career Expo? You can still learn about career opportunities in the MPDC, and apply online, at: <http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ/officer.shtm>

① For details on the police clearance process, including the location and hours of the public service counters, click on: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/reports/policeclearances.shtm>

① Requests for police clearances by mail follow the same general procedures, but take approximately three weeks to complete. Details at: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/serv/reports/clearmail.shtm>

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	as of 1/14/05
◆ 2005: 6	
◆ 2004: 13	
◆ % Change: -53.8%	
◆ Closure Rate: 16.7% (1 closure)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	week end. 1/8/05
◆ Total: 798	
◆ Drugs: 158	
◆ Weapons: 23	
◆ Motor Vehicle Theft: 26	
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 43	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	week end. 1/8/05
◆ Arrests: 54	
◆ Curfew Violations: 20	
◆ Truants: 69	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	as of 1/12/05
◆ January: 70	
◆ 2005 Total: 70	
◆ 2005 Total: 2,065	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	as of 1/14/05
◆ 2005: 1	
◆ 2004: 3	
◆ % Change: -66.7%	

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